



**NOAA Teacher at Sea
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Onboard NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER
July 5 – 14, 2005**

Mission: Hydrography

Day 2: Tuesday, July 4, 2006
Kodiak, Alaska

My First Full Day

Today is an off day for many of the crew. It's the last day to relax and rest up before setting sail tomorrow. I joined Scott Sherman and Ellen Sanford (both visiting from NOAA's base in Silver Spring, MD), to explore the island a little. The island is beautiful, with lush, green mountains throughout. We were in search of seeing some of the island's wildlife, and spotted some bald eagles and Sitka deer.



The crews of the FAIRWEATHER and RANIER relax at a Fourth of July picnic.

In the afternoon, a picnic was planned in a nearby state park for the crews of the FAIRWEATHER and RANIER. We had beautiful weather, and a perfect day to celebrate the Fourth of July on the last day before we set sail. Everyone from both crews has been so nice and friendly, making it very easy to fit in!

Do to some unforeseen circumstances, we have had some difficulties sending and retrieving our email. Fortunately, most of the glitches have been worked out and we're up and running. I can now be reached at david.babich@noaa.gov. I look forward to answering any questions about the cruise.

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